

may signify a lasting peace. And finally, let us dedicate ourselves to that true patriotism which is loving one's country, respecting its traditions and honoring its people, high or low, rich or poor.

May we, as true patriots, stand firm and unselfish for the rights, for the common good, for the peace and well-being of all, sacrificing self, if need be, and unafraid of all opposition. On this Veterans Day, 1965, let us express our gratitude to Almighty God for this Nation and for the principles of freedom and justice upon which it was founded. And let us renew our pledge that we will make any sacrifice we may be called upon to make to sustain our government, our freedom and our American way of life.

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## ADDRESS, NATIONAL FLAG WEEK CEREMONIES

### "U.S.S. FRIGATE CONSTELLATION"

June 13, 1965

Mr. Stick, Admiral Burke, members of the Star Spangled Banner Flaghouse Association, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

We have met here today to pay reverence to a symbol — the flag of the United States under which Americans for nearly two centuries have rallied in the cause of freedom and justice. As the Governor of the State, it was my privilege again this year to proclaim Flag Week in Maryland — the week beginning today. In the proclamation, I noted that this starry flag is the emblem of our unity as a free people and a symbol of our determination to remain free. I noted also that the purpose of the observance is to awaken in the consciousness of Americans an awareness of the great principles upon which our Nation was founded: The principles of freedom, justice and equality of the law.

I would encourage all Marylanders to observe this occasion with proper ceremony and respect to this emblem and this symbol. Woodrow Wilson had this to say about our flag: "The things the flag stands for," he said, "were created by the experiences of a great people. Everything it stands for was written by their lives. The flag is the embodiment, not of sentiment but of history. It represents the experiences made by men and women, the experiences of those who do and live under the flag."

The flag, then, is of significance to all Americans in that it em-